THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

WRIT PETITION NO.21930 OF 2004

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Date: 18-08-2005

Between:

M/s A.V.Rao & Company … Petitioner

And

The Joint Collector … Respondent

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O R D E R:

The petitioner is a partnership firm, which was given a wholesale dealer's licence in kerosene and is in the business of supplying kerosene to fair price shops within the licenced territory. By the proceedings dated 12-10-2004 impugned herein, the petitioner's licence in Form-B was suspended on the basis of a report of the Regional Vigilance & Enforcement Officer, Warangal, in which it was brought to the notice of the respondent-authority that a tanker bearing No. ATR 5191 was diverting kerosene oil and unloading 4100 liters in 22 drums at the premises of a house in Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda belonging to one M.Ranjith Rao, on inspection of the premises, the kerosene was detected to be Public Distribution System kerosene and on a further enquiry, it was found to have been transported from the petitioner's stock. Therefore, in a preliminary enquiry, on a *prima facie* satisfaction of the involvement of the petitioner in diversion of kerosene meant for Public Distribution System to the black market, the petitioner's Form-B licence was suspended.

This Court finds no warrant for interference with the order of suspension having regard to the gravity of the allegations, on the basis of which the suspension has been ordered.

The writ petition is dismissed accordingly after hearing the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies. No order as to costs.

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(Goda Raghuram,J)

Dated 18th August, 2005

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